

INFORMATION REGARDING VALUES ON UPCOMING JULY TAX BILLS



The assessor would like to prepare motor vehicle owners who will be receiving tax bills in July for a bit of a “sticker shock”. While the Town is still early in the budget process and a mill rate has not yet been set, the Grand List has been filed and the motor vehicle list is showing more than a whopping 22% increase. The assessor is mandated to value all property at 70% of the October 1 market value. The market for both new and used cars and other vehicles has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and values are at a nearly all time high. Tax bills will reflect these values and as a result, most vehicles will show an increase in value over last year. While the normal expectation is that cars and trucks will depreciate from year to year, this is not the case for the current year.

What effect this will have on your tax burden will not be apparent until the Town sets a mill rate in May. Your tax bills are derived by multiplying your assessment times the mill rate. As an example, the current mill rate (for last year’s bills) of 34.50 mills times an assessed value of \$10,000 would equal a tax bill of \$345. ($.03450 \times \$10,000$).

I am including a link to several market industry reports that help explain the current situation in the motor vehicle market for your review. Information can be found at:

<https://caao.com/wp-content/uploads/Motor-vehicle-value-articles-Late-2021.pdf>

